



A Form of Godliness (II Timothy 3:1-9)

Pay Attention!

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☑ The Last Days

☑ **In these last days:** The writers of the New Testament spoke as if they were living in the last days...

☑ *“He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but **was manifest in these last times** for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.” I Peter 1:20-21 NKJV*

☑ *“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **has in these last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;” Hebrews 1:1-2 NKJV*

☑ **In those last days:** They also spoke as if the last days were coming...

☑ *“Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord*

and Savior, knowing this first: **that scoffers will come in the last days**, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “**Where is the promise of His coming?** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. **But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**” II Peter 3:1-7 NKJV

- ☑ “Now the Spirit expressly says that **in latter times** some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,” I Timothy 4:1-2 NKJV
- ☑ What’s going on?
 - ☑ The correct prophetic model must indeed be Torah-centric. That means you must draw from the Five Books of Moses to develop the proper pattern of prophecy. Creating an “end-days” model absent the

patterns from the Torah always ends with massive holes it it.

- ☑ Some “super patterns” to consider include:
 - ☑ **The seven feasts of the Lord:** Passover, Unleavened, First Fruits, Shavuot (Pentecost), Trumpets, Yom Kippur, and Tabernacles.
 - ☑ **The journey and the destination:** Captivity, Wilderness, Promised Land
 - ☑ **The Seven Day Week:** six days you shall work and you shall keep the seventh day holy (Saturday).
- ☑ This last days allusion speaks of the Seven Day week. The last days of the week leading up to the Sabbath (in our modern language) are a Thursday and Friday.
- ☑ *“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a **thousand years as one day.**”* II Peter 3:8 NKJV
- ☑ Each day is 1000 years, and prophetically the Sabbath is the Millennial (1000 year) Kingdom (or in feast language above—Tabernacles, the 7th Feast).
- ☑ That means the Last Days (plural) leading up to the Sabbath are a Thursday and a Friday (2000 years).

- When the disciples spoke of the last days as being contemporary (2000 years ago), they were referring to a “Thursday Morning” (the beginning of 2000 years). When they referred to the last days “*reserved for fire until the day of judgment*” they were speaking of a “Friday Night” (the end of two days 2000 years). They are both in the “last days.”
- Even the “Third Day” resurrection has prophetic allusions to the Messiah’s second coming being after two days (2000 years after His first coming)!
- “Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. **After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up,** That we may live in His sight.”* Hosea 6:1-2 NKJV
- “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that **He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,**”* I Corinthians 15:3-4 NKJV
- Perilous Times**
 - Imminent risk has existed for Christians in one form or another, throughout the world, for the past 2000 years. It

is only in the USA that we have had relative “risk-free” faith.

- ☑ That has not boded well for American Christianity, which has emerged as a soft, seeker friendly, compromised religion (Church). “But times they are a changing!” You should see the writing on the wall as the evil around us is become less tolerant of Christian fundamentals and values (all in support of tolerance). How ironic!
 - ☑ Unfortunately, the mega-church era is rapidly producing G-rate, gold-plated, pseudo-Christians, who when rubbed, easily expose that there is no solid gold underneath.
 - ☑ They are gathered by a “repeat after me” version of conversion that in many cases causes no transformation. Why?
 - ☑ Because there has been no conversion, no born-again experience. They will go on to live lives that look little different than the world, save a few changes that could easily be gained had they attended a self-help seminar.
- ☑ *“For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without*

self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,” II Timothy 3:2-4 NKJV

☑ **What will they look like in “Perilous Times”?**

☑ Paul gives Timothy the longest lists of attributes and character traits of evil men in perilous times (18 of them), than we see anywhere else in the New Testament.

☑ **17 Works of the Flesh:** *“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” Galatians 5:19-21 NKJV*

☑ **9 Fruit of the Spirit:** *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV*

☑ **16 Attributes of Love:** *“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its*

own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.” I Corinthians 13:4-8 NKJV

☑ **18 attributes and character traits of men in “Perilous Times”!**

☑ See if you can recognize the public figures of our day who embody these traits...

☑ **Lovers of themselves...**

☑ It’s all about you and your selfish ambitions.

☑ **Lovers of money...**

☑ It’s all about what you can gain for yourself.

☑ **Boasters...**

☑ It’s all about how great you make yourself out to be.
“Please look at me!”

☑ **Proud...**

☑ It’s all about how right you are and how you are the cause of your own greatness.

☑ **Blasphemers...**

- ☑ They will even claim their religion to be your religion, but it's really all about their religion. (i.e. claiming to be Christian while they stand for abortion, homosexuality, gay marriage, and gender fluidity!)
- ☑ **Disobedient to parents...**
 - ☑ Honoring the young and discarding the elders (see: [Gray is the Original Google](#))
- ☑ **Unthankful...**
 - ☑ Forgetting where you came from and those who died to give you the freedoms you now abuse!
- ☑ **Unholy...**
 - ☑ They are blended into the world as if there is nothing that separates them as different. Expedience over truth every time!
- ☑ **Unloving...**
 - ☑ Yahweh is love and if you hate Yahweh and Y'shua you cannot love. It's that simple.
- ☑ **Unforgiving...**
 - ☑ Vengeance and violence is ever on their lips and in their actions.
- ☑ **Slanderers...**
 - ☑ They will say anything about anyone (including God), no matter how damaging and no matter how opposite

the truth it is. Their words are motivated by one thing only—Power. They wish to seize and maintain power at all costs and no matter who they must destroy along the way!

☑ **Without self-control...**

- ☑ Why control your selfish and selfie desires when you can much more happily satisfy your flesh at every whim? There are no consequences now or in eternity, so you might as well satisfy your every craving.

☑ **Brutal...**

- ☑ They are violent and angry, without hesitance nor remorse. They have darkened hearts with no conscience.

☑ **Despisers of good...**

- ☑ Anything true and pure and natural is an enemy to their agenda.

☑ **Traitors...**

- ☑ They have no allegiance to anyone, including each other, just as Satan has no allegiance, even to those who worship him.

☑ **Headstrong...**

- ☑ Their hearts are dark and hard, un-tillable soil. Nothing fruitful or nourished will ever grow there. They are fruitless and spiritually barren.
- ☑ **Haughty...**
 - ☑ They take what they want and they keep it at all costs, and they are happy to place what they have taken on full display for all those who want the same to be envious of them!
- ☑ **Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...**
 - ☑ It's classic; when you are on the throne of your life, Yahweh isn't!
- ☑ *"having **a form of godliness** but **denying its power**. And from such people **turn away!**" II Timothy 3:5 NKJV*
- ☑ **A form of godliness...**
 - ☑ When you have your own religion (worshipping at the throne of murdering the unborn, gender selection fluidity, and evolution), then you are happy to proselytize your faith as if you are caring, philanthropic, and climate conscious. In the end...you're not a biologist so you have no accountability to reality (truth).
- ☑ **Denying the real power of God...**

- ☑ As such you deny the true power of God which only comes through the Holy Spirit, whom cannot possess you as you are already possessed by Satan and Demons.
- ☑ **Run Away!**
 - ☑ Run from such people, not in fear, but instead, so you don't get slimmed by them!
- ☑ *"For of this sort are those who **creep into households** and **make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins**, led away by **various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**" II Timothy 3:6-7 NKJV*
- ☑ **Creep into households...**
 - ☑ They are sneaky, always attempting to come across as the opposite of what they really are. "We stand for freedom, democracy, free speech, protection of rights, minorities, safety, law enforcement, the economy, etc."
- ☑ **Make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins...**
 - ☑ This is why it is paramount you have your life in God in order. If not, it becomes easier and more tempting to actually believe the lies. The assault is non-stop from every direction; they can't all be lies. But they are!
- ☑ **Led away by various lusts**

- When you are indulging your own lusts, you have opened up the eye gate, ear gate, mouth gate, thought gate, and touch gate to your own selfish desires. This makes you vulnerable to the lies and deception.
- Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth...**
 - Follow the science. There is so much of it. Except it is all just smoke and mirrors, more lies!
- “Now as **Jannes and Jambres** resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.” II Timothy 3:8-9 NKJV*
- Jannes and Jambres**
 - Jannes and Jambres are not specifically mentioned by name in the Bible, but they are the Egyptian “sorcerers and magicians” from Exodus 7:10-12, who are identified as Jannes and Jambres in Jewish and Christian traditions.
 - “But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But*

Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods." Exodus 7:11-12
NKJV

☑ **All true but not all (the whole) truth...**

☑ This is yet another example how the Bible is all true, but not every truth is in it. Y'shua really alluded to this in His last sermon before the crucifixion.

☑ *"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."* John 16:12-13 NKJV

☑ And John's final words in his Gospel account...

☑ *"And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even **the world itself could not contain the books that would be written**. Amen."* John 21:25 NKJV

☑ **With these sorcerers and magicians as our object lesson...**

☑ **Resist the truth...**

☑ Moses performs a true miracle and they perform the counterfeit. Be warned, the lies can look like truth.

☑ **Men of corrupt minds...**

- ☑ They have minds (hearts) that have been infiltrated with the demonic. And they derive their power from the demonic realm.
- ☑ **Disapproved concerning the faith...**
 - ☑ They have been judged and found guilty!
- ☑ **They will progress no further...**
 - ☑ There is a limit to what they will be permitted to do!
- ☑ **Their folly will be manifest to all...**
 - ☑ In the end, their deception will be exposed. I think we see that happening in real time right now in the earth. The lies about covid, the vaccines, the border, the laptop from hell, corrupt politician and officials, Roe v Wade, Russia, etc. all being exposed...Stay tuned!
 - ☑ *“For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.” Luke 8:17 NKJV*
 - ☑ *“But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.” Ephesians 5:13 NKJV*

NEXT TEACHING

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